

## (2) Cont.

was bitterly opposed to Chilliast and belittles men like Papias who attempted to describe conditions during Christ's millennial rule. Yet Irenaeus quotes Papias with approval and Justin Martyr maintains the pre-millennial view is the "keystone of pure doctrine". Tertullian was an enthusiastic Chilliast. Origen however calls the second advent a "Jewish dream". Half the church at this time held an a-millennial view.

## 4. Beginning of Monasticism

## a. General

- (1) The early Gnostics held that the body was evil and one must therefore either give it no satisfaction ~~and thereby wear it out.~~ or give it every satisfaction and thereby wear it out.
- (2) God desires to sanctify the flesh as the temple of the Holy Spirit. Ascetic extremes have arisen in the church out of the desire of converts to get far from past sin.

## b. Monasticism began with individuals living alone in the desert.

- (1) Paul of Thebes (250 A.D.) is the first known Christian hermit. He left southern Egypt to live alone in the desert. Anthony visited him in 340, on a later visit buries him.
- (2) Anthony (300 A.D.) himself becomes a hermit and lives absolutely alone in the desert. In 311 he appeared in Alexandria seeking the martyr's crown, but no one would martyr him. In 351, 100 yrs. old he again showed himself to testify for Athenaceous. He asked to be buried in secret so that his bones would not be kept as relics.

E. Julian the Apostate (361-363)

## 1. Background

- a. At the death of Constantine all his relatives except two young nephews Gallus and Julian were murdered so that none would contest with his sons the right to rule. Constantius raised these two as Arians.
- b. Gallus the older nephew was beheaded by Constantius when he began to be highly considered by the people due to the way in which he filled a government position.